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1. There are almost no higher functionaries involved in the present series of SED purges. Small labor-union and Party people are brought before the purge commissions and accused of Trade Unionism and Social Democracy. [redacted] great discontent is visible with the new wage and salary schedule by which the difference between the technicians' and the workers' pay has been considerably increased. There is also much grumbling against too heavy piecework norms by a great number of small functionaries of the Free German Trade Unions of the East Zone (FDGB).
2. Ulbricht is in full control at the moment and may carry out the purge against the small functionaries as he pleases, but he received no authority against higher-ups, like Eisler. Moscow instructions have stressed the necessity that the SED maintain an appearance of unity because only the first phase of the reunification campaign has come to an end and the second phase is now in preparation. The Party cadres have to understand that the turn toward more Communist influence in East Germany is not in contradiction with a continued drive for the reunification of Germany and not a hindrance to obtaining an agreement. Quite to the contrary, the instructions say, the stronger the measures now being carried out in the East Zone, the easier it will be for the SPD leaders to come to terms before they lose their last chance of gaining advantages from reunification.

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